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Impact of Tattoo REACH will be followed by the Council of European Tattoo Associations (CETA).

On 05.10.2021, 14 European tattoo associations met for a joint Zoom meeting to exchange views on the impact of the amendments to the REACH Regulation drafted by the EU together with the ECHA (European Chemical Agency) and to explore possible solutions.

The CETA sees itself as an interest group in which all European tattoo associations come together and provide the best possible support with their respective experiences and competencies in order to work together for the future of tattooing in Europe.

In addition, Erich Mähnert and Michael Dirks, the petitioners of the Save-the-Pigments Initiative, are actively available to the CETA in matters of tattoo REACH with their scientific and political expertise.

Basically, the acting tattoo associations welcome the goal pursued by the EU and ECHA to make tattoo inks safer. After all, the associations have been supporting the plan to create a so-called positive list (resulting from the ResAP2008 tattooing ink regulation) for years. However, the current REACH regulation probably has more than just technical errors and unfulfillable (if not immeasurable) requirements. It is regulated bypassing the practical experience of the tattoo industry and the tattoo ink safety dossiers.

The acting tattoo associations - in the form of the CETA - see themselves for the protection of their own industry and the health of their clientele in their responsibility to question the implementation of the legislature and to let examine the content and law.

For more information on tattoo REACH, please contact your national tattoo association. Further information about the Council of European Tattoo Associations:

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